

# SWINGING IN THE RAIN!



A sample selection of Sandroyd 'youths': from left, Mark Hopkinson, John Radford, Mark Roach, Thomas Lorenc, Darren White, 'French Jules', Chris Dooley, Louise Ryan, coy James Kitcher, and far left Ellie Kingsbury waiting to get on with croquet match.

John Kingsbury

A record 93 Caversham 'travellers' brought out police re-inforcements in Hampshire, Wiltshire and Dorset as they relentlessly made for Sandroyd School, near Shaftesbury, for the Annual Parish Holiday.

From his school attic bunker, organiser John Kavanagh plotted menus, dealt with logistical problems and ensured a generally tranquil and very successful week once again. He was ably assisted in planning by Margaret Hill (with a bit of help from Andrew) and by Sue and John Martin, the latter handling frontline hostilities from groundsman ('Your reverend's messed up my rugger pitch again with his golf divets') and clerk of works (That's another loo seat your lot's bust and two beds have gone missing').

It rained a bit. Actually quite a lot, but some beautiful sunny days and the Sandroyd pioneering spirit compensated. Outdoors, croquet, golf, tennis and bowls rushed to thrilling finals on time, with badminton, squash and snooker disturbing the wee small hours.

The school chapel was used for three different kinds of worships, co-ordinated

mostly by the Dimmicks, despite a wasp sting to bandleader Margaret in the first chorus. A lavish barbecue left chef John Roach with a blond streak after tending the charcoal furnace. Charles Baker ran rounders matches every hour on the hour, the Nottons pursued butterflies and young Matthew Thomas pursued everyone with a water pistol. John Dudley studied New Testament Greek, Roger Hopkinson took an unidentified Caversham lady flying from a nearby airfield, swooping low over the croquet lawns and frightening the horses. Steve Smith starred in the ladies netball match and assaulted referee Nigel Stanbrook. People swam round the clock in the warm indoor pool. Injuries ('Sandroyd O-limpics?') left Alex Thwaite with re-occurring knee, Louise Stanbrook in a sling, Margaret Notton, Angela Kingsbury and others limping, and Shaftesbury chemists phoning out for more tubi-grip and painkillers.

A splendid cricket match caught the spirit of the holiday week — now in its second quarter century. Andy Radford dropped a crucial catch (It's the sun. I need

a hat,!) and on next delivery rather unnecessarily damaged keeper Peter Dooley's kneecap. Robert Proctor bemused old hands with fine bowling, French Jules (guest of the Bakers), who had never played cricket before, dispatched balls and fielders to the boundary. Mrs Pat Antell, wonderful in whites, demolished male chauvinism with hard hitting. Umpire Rector in silly hat discussed with lovely Dorset views with batsman and called several three ball overs. In the end John Kingsbury's team just beat Steve Smith's after some fine cricket and Caleb Smith was warned twice for ball abuse. Spectators fretted in the sun with cool drinks. It was that sort of holiday.

Many Caversham guests dropped in for meals. The final night cabaret revealed mimicry talents all round. All was in love. It is always that sort of holiday. John Roach in tails tried to keep order.

93 came home, rosy-cheeked, tired but happy. All thanks to John Kavanagh and co-organisers. Book early for 1993 and join the fun!

RK

# TALKING POINT

by Dr. Chris Garforth  
of Caversham Heights Methodist Church

I've been carefully rationing my news consumption recently. There is a limit to the amount of bad news I can take. So I watch the television perhaps once or twice a week, switch the radio off after the headlines, scan the newspaper for innocuous items. Even so, there's a depressing sameness about it. And precious little evidence of oneness in this world which, for better or worse, we share with four billion fellow human beings.

I was born after the maelstrom of the 1939-45 war and grew up in an era when internecine conflict happened in "less civilised" parts of the world. (I must conveniently have put the violence in Northern Ireland into a different category in my scheme of things.) So the sudden and vicious break up of Yugoslavia I find hard to understand — and threatening. Is the veneer of civilisation, of humanity, so thin that neighbour can turn into monsters overnight? Then I see images of demonstrators in Germany hurling petrol bombs at immigrant hostels and hear my elders talk in muted tones about the 1930s. And are we citizens of the same world as those gaunt, tragic figures dying of hunger in Somalia, whose plight we have known about, have been warned of, for a year or more? As our own politicians argue over whether we should consider ourselves members of One Europe, can we seriously talk about One World?

The fact that we ask such questions is itself part of the answer. Our anguish, our frustration, at seeing the victims of civil strife, of hunger, of disaster are themselves evidence of our oneness with our brothers and sisters caught up in these tragedies. If we didn't feel that oneness, their pain and fear would not hurt. We feel something of their pain because we too are parents, children, people with hopes, fears, homes — and we can imagine (or, perhaps some of us, remember) what it must be like to have our lives destroyed by forces we cannot control. In our shared humanity, our sharing in the image of God, we are one with them.

And so we see signs of hope, signs of the oneness struggling against the forces of evil and disintegrating, as men and women risk their lives to bring humanitarian aid to those trapped in Sarajevo. As doctors and nurses work against impossible conditions in Bosnian towns, in Mogadishu, to patch up the ravages of inhumanity.

But the oneness of the world is more than our shared humanity. The four billion inhabitants of the world depend on each other. What we do affects the lives of millions of others — and vice versa. If every household in the world acquired a refrigerator and a car next week, the earth's atmosphere would be so heavily polluted that human life itself would

be threatened — and petrol prices would be forced so high that only the rich would be able to run the cars. Its a sobering thought that our relative affluence depends on other people's poverty, that our country's economic prosperity was built on an empire of domination and exploitation.

It is trade that has brought us prosperity. And trade has always been based on the twin pillars of need and power. We buy things from other countries because we need them — and use our economic and military power to influence the terms on which we trade. In the pure texts of economic theory, trade takes place between equal partners. The real world is seldom so pure. Which is why farmers in the third world have to sell increasing amounts of their produce in order to buy the same amount of goods from us; why the tea I drink as I write this piece was picked by a woman who earns one hundredth of my salary; why a large consignment of second hand clothes and shoes donated by people in Sweden to drought-affected areas in Nambia was burnt by the South African authorities because their import infringed the terms of the Southern African Customs Union.

There are lessons here in the natural world. Walking back from the shops in Caversham the other day, our five year old daughter picked a coltsfoot from the verge (its life expectancy was short, with lawnmowers known to be at large in the area) and said "I've picked this for Mummy, to remind her of all the beautiful things God has made". Out of the mouths indeed: God's creation is so connected that each small part of it stands as a sign for the whole. In a single flower, we can see the complexity, the intricacy, of the whole natural world. The wind that spread the seed, the rain that enabled it to germinate, the rocks that were worn down to make the soil that nurtured the seed as it began to grow, the grass that has grown and died leaving nutrients in the soil, the sunlight that gave the plant the energy to grow.

In the same way, each of us is a sign of the connections that bind us to all other people. Whether we like it or not, we are citizens of One World. I like it. I rejoice in the variety of cultures and histories in God's world. I praise God for the intricacies of natural and human systems which make us dependent on one another. I confess my arrogance in choosing to ignore my dependence, in refusing to listen to the points of view and aspirations of those in other parts of the world. I welcome One World Week as an opportunity to be challenged again to see and celebrate our common humanity and our cultural diversity.

(One World Week: 18-25 October. Theme for 1992: "Trading Places, Linking Lives")

# POSTBAG

## Pedestrianisation

Dear Sirs,

Watchdog (Caversham Bridge September issue) had he watched to better effect, would have seen that assurances as to accessibility given to the pre-launch consultative body were meaningless. Look in detail at practical implications of the new arrangements, particularly but not exclusively for the disabled, and you will see why Reading centre is now regarded by so many people as a "no-go" area.

As for the strong desire said to exist to clear it entirely of traffic, this is such that no one could be found to oppose a motion "That Pedestrianisation is the worst calamity to befall Reading since the Civil War", when it was suggested as a subject for debate.

By all means write to the Town Centre Manager explaining your objections, your problems and your difficulties, and perhaps the reply you receive will be less dismissive and unsympathetic than the ones I have seen so far.

Yours etc.

Name and address supplied

## The Chiltern Society

Dear Sirs,

Major changes in government policy for the use of agricultural land and buildings mean that many villages are faced with developments of a size and type not previously experienced, including motorway service areas.

Mr H. Stephen Crow, Chief Planning Inspector for the Department of the Environment, Bristol, will talk about the planning inquiry and appeal processes. He will also answer questions. This is a public meeting organised by the Chiltern Society, which will take place in Goring Village Hall on Wednesday 21st October, at 8pm. All are welcome. Tickets are available from Mrs J. Sichel, Hillcrest, North End, Henley, RG9 6LQ or at the door, price £2 (Members £1.50). Please send cheque payable to C. Wookey and SAE if ordering by post.

Goring is fortunate to have been chosen as the venue for such an authoritative speaker, who promises to be an entertaining speaker too. We hope that residents from other villages will join us and gain considerably from the meeting. Coffee will be served after the meeting.

For more information, please phone 0491-872795.

Yours etc

(Mrs) Beryl Hunt  
Copperfield  
Reading Road  
Goring, Reading  
RG8 0LL

## ST JOHN'S CHURCH CAVERSHAM

### "AUTUMN BAZAAR"

On Saturday  
November 7th  
starting at 2pm.  
Cakes, tombola,  
white elephant,  
decorations.

Caversham Hall,  
St. John's Road.

AT  
CHURCH HOUSE, Church Street,  
Caversham (1st Floor)

## You will find the CAVERSHAM GOOD NEIGHBOURS

who will:

1. Endeavour to give help in a domestic emergency.
2. Visit and offer help to the sick, lonely and/or housebound.
3. Provide transport on essential journeys for the elderly & handicapped
4. Give information regarding the many local charitable & caring organisations they have on file.

OFFICE OPEN: Monday to Friday  
9.30-11.30am. Tel: 483466.

ALSO IN CHURCH HOUSE

## THE "POP-IN" CENTRE

A place to relax quietly, find someone to talk to or obtain help. Coffee available.  
Open: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 12 noon.

Please note — Offers of help always welcome by both organisations.

The newspaper produced by members of the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Churches of Caversham and Mapledurham for the local community.

EDITORS: Mrs Margaret Bailey, Mr Eric Chappell, Mr John Mullaney, Mr K. Corrigan, Mr Bernard Miller, c/o Church House, 59 Church Street, Caversham. Tel: 471703.

ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER: Mrs E. Maule, 18 Albert Road, Caversham, RG4 7PE. Tel: 471816.

CIRCULATION MANAGER: Mr. M. Staunton, 23 Albert Road, Caversham, RG4 7AN. Tel: 472389.

COMPANY SECRETARY: Mr H. Pilgrim, 64 Highmoor Road, Caversham, RG4 7BG. Tel: 474017.

POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION MANAGER: Miss E. Stark, 36 Auburn Court, Caversham. Tel: 473045.

All contributions for November issue should be sent to Church House, by noon on Wednesday 7 October.

All advertising copy should be sent to Mrs E. Maule, 18 Albert Road, Caversham by 5 October.

The dates for December will be Monday 2 November and Wednesday 4 November.

The Editors wish to make it clear that the views expressed in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the board.

Published by Caversham Christian News Ltd, Church Street, Caversham, Reading. Tel: Reading 471703.

Typeset by Microtype, 149 Cardiff Road, Reading. Printed by Reading Newspaper Printing Company Limited, Portman Road, Reading.

TO ADVERTISE  
YOUR BUSINESS  
OR FUNCTION  
PLEASE  
TELEPHONE  
(0734) 471816

# NOTES FROM NANJING

## THE DAWN GARDEN

No 4 IN A SERIES BY HARRIET BAKER

We've had such a busy time since I last wrote that it's difficult to know where to begin, but I'll tell you about this morning's visit to the silk making and research institute first and then work back in time!

Beautiful dragon, flower, and cloud designs are woven entirely by hand on bamboo and wooden looms. Two people work on the same loom and produce 1 to 2 inches of woven cloth per day. It's 76 cms wide and to make a 7 metre length takes 2 to 3 months. One person, the lady, perches at the top of the loom pulling strings to raise the right warp threads for each minute row for the design. The man sits at the bottom of the loom using small bobbins to weave in the right colours, and also operates the bamboo foot pedals that shift the warp threads apart so that the big bobbin containing the main background colour can be whizzed across. Each silk thread contains 30 strands, and each strand is an "unwound" silk worm cocoon. It is amazing to watch the looms being set up — all 1800 warp threads are passed individually through the comb-like things on the loom which requires much time, eye strain and deft fingers. My description isn't very technical but I have taken some photos.

Now I must go back to 3 weeks ago and catch up on all the past news. Annabelle and I made the first of many train journeys and travelled on a fast, clean, double-decker train to Shanghai to meet up with all the other Gap volunteers — as arranged by the staff in Reading before we left.

Shanghai is huge and crowded, with trendy main shopping streets. It was great to be able to view the city from one of the huge hotels — it just goes on and on and you can't see the edge. On one day we were entertained by the Consulate over a nice lunch and it was interesting to talk to them about politics, economics and our travel plans. It was fun meeting the other "Gapees" again — our only get together during our 5 months of Gap work. We talked until late into the nights, comparing teaching experiences and discussing our future travel plans. Everyone seems happy but Annabelle and I now realise how lucky we are here — not only because we get on well together but also because we seem to have a greater variety of ages of children to teach and at a higher general standard.

So far our travelling plans are to spend 3 weeks in Eastern China exploring the coast, Yangzi gorges, and Huangshan; then travel on

to the S.W area via Guilin and Kunming; and then go Northwards to Xian where we plan to rendezvous with any other Gapees who can make it. Most of them are keen to go there to see the terracotta warriors. After that the plans are still vague but we may travel by train along the Silk Road to Urumqui and Kashga and then on the Karakorum Highway from far West China into Pakistan. This would be arduous and uncertain, but exciting! We must be in Hong Kong by August 31st as our visas expire then.

But to continue with the Shanghai visit. We decided to leave the city early in order to spend a day in Suzhou before returning home to Nanjing. Suzhou is a really beautiful place. They call it a small city but it is still vast. Inside the city walls highrise building has been prohibited so the old character is maintained. Suzhou is known as the "Venice of China" and a saying goes — "In Heaven there is Paradise. On Earth there is Suzhou and Hangzhou".

Suzhou is a place of many narrow canals, low white-washed houses, and winding back streets bustling with barber shops, noodle parlours, street traders and performers. In the centre of the old city is a large temple — the "Temple of Mystery" which was packed with people prostrating, and giving paper money, tangerines, plastic flowers, and

even cans of Sprite to the huge golden Buddhas. Outside it was like a funfair or free market with people selling plastic toys, beads, portraits of Mao, and ice-creams. Children milled about and old men in blue suits and caps with lovely wrinkly faces and toothless grins sat in rows on the low walls just watching everything happen.

The gardens of Suzhou are very famous. We visited the "Fisherman's Garden", but sadly the swarms of English tourists there rather spoil the tranquility. We could see that it would have been magical with its pools, bridges, pagodas and secluded courtyards.

Our journey back to Nanjing was fun but tiring. We met two very chatty Chinese chaps — one a journalist, and the other a well travelled man who wanted to practise his English. Soon all the passengers in the compartment were joining in the conversation and our passports were handed around for all to see. At supper time our mugs were filled with instant noodles (with tips on how to make them properly) and we were given bread buns and bananas. Two chaps opposite us tucked in to a whole chicken (head and feet included), then slurped their noodles down and distributed tangerines to everyone. When we begin our travels in earnest we shall have to feign sleep or complete incomprehension in order to get some peace!

Teaching at the school has been even more hectic recently. We're doing extra lessons in preparation for the school Festival, and we have been given 4 hours each of extra teaching duties with engineers from the Nanjing radio factory. It's a bit daunting, especially as the lessons start at 7.50 a.m. We're also teaching the young English teachers here and our last lesson with them was the worst yet. Annabelle and I had trouble controlling our giggles it was such a nightmare. None of the 8 teachers who came wanted to speak for various reasons — they're shy and rather lazy, they don't know us well enough and won't talk freely in front of each other because of the awful suspicions, jealousies and gossip that exists among all of them. Our choice of subject was wrong too — too close to home so they clammed up even more! Next week we'll change our tactics.

Anyway the good news is that we are fit and well and my chilblains are healing up and don't hurt at all now.



Nanjing Silk Factory

## Suprema

OFFERS

DRY CLEANING AT ITS BEST  
AND AT KEENEST PRICES

WE'RE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK AT  
32b CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM  
TELEPHONE: READING 477713



### HELP STILL NEEDED

Brownie pictures and news appear elsewhere in this paper. This just comes as a reminder that help is still needed on the Guiding front. Do please telephone Caroline Croft during working hours on Reading (0734) 578587 and she will put you in the picture. It's really good fun and tremendously rewarding.

# Wedding Photography

by Michael Blackburn

Old photographs reproduced  
Passports and Portraits

M. B. Photography

41 Prospect Street, Caversham, Reading, Berks  
Telephone: Reading (0734) 479450 / 475656



Telephone Reading (0734) 478756




## CARTER ELECTRICAL

For All Electrical Requirements

SECURITY LIGHTING & ALARMS

116 Woodcote Road, Caversham  
Reading, RG4 7EZ

SUPPLIERS OF QUALITY MEAT & MEAT PRODUCTS



## JENNINGS of Caversham

Branches at:

**ST MARTIN'S PRECINCT, CAVERSHAM**  
Tel: Reading 475939

**CAVENDISH ROAD, EMMER GREEN**  
Tel: Reading 474087

Catering Division  
**26 PROSPECT ST, CAVERSHAM**  
Tel: Reading 471528/475172

*M. D. Carter*  
**Independent Fitting Service**

❖

Complete kitchen & bathroom planning including all plumbing and electrical work.

I can also supply and fit a selective range of quality kitchens and bathrooms.



*Just give me a call for your  
FREE quotation on*

**Reading 0734 476350**

## J Wooldridge

**0734 482584**

HEATING, PLUMBING  
& ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

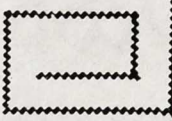
PERSONAL SERVICE  
SPECIALISING IN  
DOMESTIC WORK



**105 KINGS ROAD  
CAVERSHAM  
READING RG4 8DS**

**Walton Adams  
& Son Limited**

PHOTOGRAPHERS



Telephone Reading 477904  
**1 PROSPECT STREET, CAVERSHAM**

PHOTOGRAPHS  
WEDDING AT HOME PASSPORT

90296

## BARBARA

LADIES' HAIRDRESSER

30 Church Street, Caversham,  
Tel. 473564

Reduced prices for senior citizens Tuesday and Wednesday. Late nights Thursday and Friday

# RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

## By Watchdog

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS ON**

This year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Caversham and District Residents' Association and it will be celebrating the occasion with a party in October. Little did those who got together in the mid '60's to see what could be done to prevent a damaging road scheme from devastating a whole area of central Caversham visualise their little group growing into an association that would still be active a quarter of a century on.

The Caversham of 1967 had no shopping precinct on the south side of Church Street. Only a few houses stood there, with chickens and goats (yes, goats) feeding. Riverside Court, the Willows, Cardinal and St. Stephen's close were not there, neither was the shopping development on the north side of Church Street. The Glendale Cinema, now the New Testament Church, was still showing mainly foreign films, whilst further along the road the Golden Twin peanut factory cast an obnoxious reek over the whole of the central area. Traffic was considered to be heavy, but not heavy enough for pedestrian crossings, traffic lights or one way systems. The Chester Street car park was still to come.

In the intervening period, shops have come and gone, traffic has come and not gone, but apart from two houses to make room for the Chester Street car park, there has been no wholesale destruction of property to construct new roads. Throughout this time Caversham and District Residents' Association has opposed, supported, offered proposals, commented and supplied information on all matters affecting Caversham. It has had its victories and its defeats, but more usually it has been instrumental in gaining acceptable modifications to the kind of proposals that in earlier days would have been foisted on the populace without notice or consultation.

What will the next twenty-five years bring? Changes to local government are certainly not far off. Threats to the green areas on the outskirts of Caversham will be intensified. Traffic could hardly get worse but probably will. If the Residents' Association does not survive for another twenty five years some one will have to start another one, for it looks as if there will be plenty of work still to be done, as the twentieth century makes way for the twenty-first.

**WORK STARTS IN BUGS BOTTOM**

Bugs Bottom is one of the longest standing issues with which the Residents' Association has been involved. Indeed, it pre-dates the Residents' Association who continued a struggle that had been begun by individuals. There is little doubt that it is going to be with us for many more years to come.

In last month's column it was suggested that work was unlikely to start there before September as the appeal decision had laid down that road layouts on both sides of the valley must be satisfactorily completed before any construction could start. Higgs and Hill however tried out two cards. Firstly they applied for a relaxation of this condition as it affected the Emmer Green side of the valley, so that they could start work on the Kidmore Road side without waiting for the more complex junctions on the other side to be agreed on. A decision on this is still awaited but a large number of objections went in which must have some effect on the Planning Committee's decision.

Secondly, with only a week end's notice they started what they called permitted enabling work in the valley to give them access and prepare the way for later construction work.

It was the week end, August and the holiday period was well under way, yet a protest demonstration was arranged which attracted

enough media attention for the Borough Council to decide that even if the removal of undergrowth and trees did not constitute a breaking of conditions, laying down hard surfaces did, and would not be permitted.

Meanwhile, watchers round the valley report any infringement of the conditions, such as having a bulldozer working after 6.00 p.m. This will go on if and when the first phase of building forty houses starts. Further building is unlikely to continue until these have been sold. The battle for Bugs Bottom is far from over yet. Much could happen in the years that lie ahead.

**L.C.R.A.**

Welcome to the Lower Caversham Residents' Association, set up this summer as a successor to the Ian Mikardo Way Residents' Association. An inaugural meeting was held in July at St. John's Church and it was apparent that there were issues waiting to be tackled that were outside the brief of the smaller association.

One long standing concern is the lack of a decent bus service to the whole of the Amersham Road area, which means a long walk, particularly hard for the elderly, those with heavy shopping or with young children or at night. Additionally with no bus service linking east and west Caversham it means that those without cars are cut off from the facilities of central Caversham. There appear to be real problems about supplying an improved service but it is something that residents made clear they intend to tackle.

The larger Caversham and District Association takes in the whole of Caversham and its immediate environs, but concentrates mainly on the central area where most people have dealings of one kind or another and on the large issues in the outer areas which will affect more than those in the immediate vicinity. They pick up matters which are of particular concern in a smaller

area if their attention is drawn to them, but it is often the case that these can be dealt with more effectively by a smaller association which is familiar with what is going on at ground level.

For that reason the larger association is glad that a residents' association will once more flourish in Lower Caversham where an earlier one did a lot of useful work before succumbing to that bane of organisations, too few people to keep up the constant work required. The lively team in evidence at the inaugural meeting was an indication that such a problem is still well into the future. They deserve all the support they can get as they set about improving their neck of the woods.

**UNWANTED HERE**

The unpleasant group of people who attempted to spread racial hatred amongst Saturday morning shoppers back earlier in the summer are being told that their


presence is unwelcome in Reading. Councillors of all parties have united to see that they are moved on from anywhere in the Borough where they appear to stir up racial trouble.

The people attracted no support from the busy shoppers who preferred to ignore them. Their leaflets had been carefully worded to avoid offences against the letter of the law, though they offended against its spirit. The Race Relations laws were certainly broken in the abusive language they used against anyone venturing to differ from them. Most distasteful was their claim to be Christians carrying out the will of God.

Reading has a good record on race relations which it has no wish to see broken. Caversham is no place for these people to try propagate their evil message.

**turn to page 5**

## TYPING SERVICE



**FROM C.V.'S TO MANUSCRIPTS**

AUDIO AND COPY TYPING  
PROMPT AND EFFICIENT SERVICE  
COLLECTION AND DELIVERY AVAILABLE  
COMPETITIVE RATES  
**(0734) 484050**



## FROX

*For that special occasion  
Evening Gowns  
and  
Cocktail Wear*

---

### HIRE SERVICE

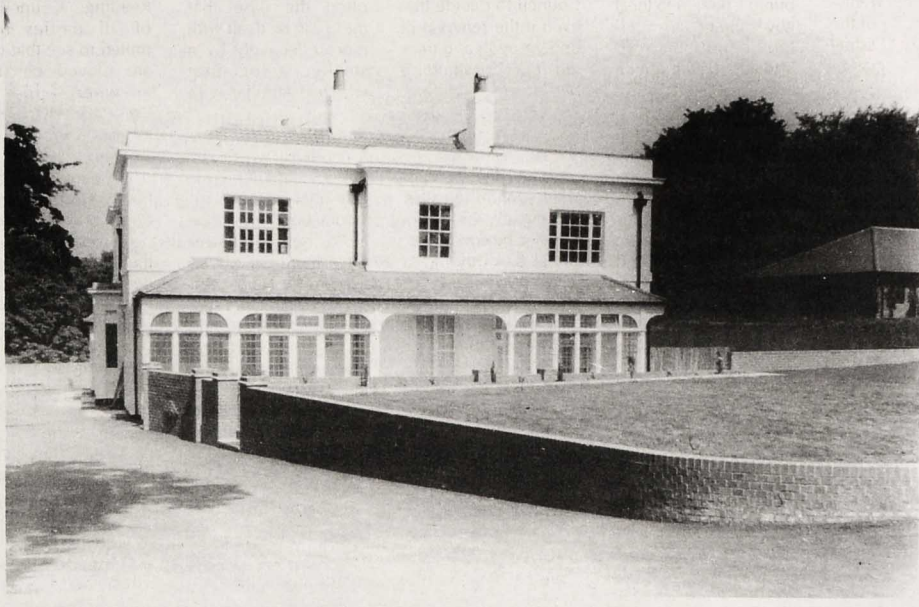
For appointment  
**PHONE READING (0734) 470623**

## HI DAN

Childrens Entertainer  
Its Magic — Its Fun  
With less work for Mum.

**Reading 470907**

# 'YET ANOTHER CHANGE FOR SPRINGFIELD HOUSE'



Springfield House

- E.S. Archer

The conversion of Springfield House (formerly Springfield St. Luke's Residential Home) into eight Luxury Flats has now been completed. They await the arrival of their new owners. So a new life for the old house commences!

First of all, many years ago there was a farm house on this spot. Then a gentleman's dignified white residence was built, and here Rear Admiral Hendry Edward Coffin (born in 1794) lived for several years. He built the Almshouses still to be found towards the top of Westfield Road, and he also left a yearly gift of a blanket and coals to the tenants. Later Springfield House achieved fame when a Chalybeate Spring was discovered in the gardens. Visitors came from the whole of the surrounding countryside and Springfield became known as the 'Physic Garden'. Many and various illnesses were reported to be cured by taking these waters! The last private resident was Mr P.C. Hayden Bacon, who designed the five-light east window at St. Peter's and the windows of St. Barnabas Church. Before the conversion there were to examples of his work inside the front door of the house; maybe they are still there! In 1942 the property was purchased by the Community of St. Mary The Virgin from Wantage and became a haven for elderly ladies, looked after by the Sisters of the order. An extension and a Chapel was built and it was a happy and peaceful community until its closure in 1987.

## Watchdog

from page 4

### ANOTHER GOLF COURSE

An application for a thirty six hole golf course with club house and associated parking

on the Mapledurham Estate appears on the South Oxon planning register. There seems little likelihood of its being granted as the

County is already inundated with applications for golf courses. There is already an eighteen hole course which was generally felt to be acceptable, on one side of the A4074. This course will be opening on October 10th. A thirty-six hole one on the other side of the road is going to mean a large stretch of countryside being turned into what is often called 'manufactured countryside'. It will also call for a lot of parking space and the massed ranks of cars are not going to enhance the A.O.N.B. On the other hand it is close to a built up urban area which could be a point in its favour.

However, a refusal is not going to do much to help with the long term wellbeing of the Mapledurham Estate. Most of the land in question is 'set aside' and of no great

agricultural value. Some use for it has got to be found that will generate instead of swallowing income, and at the same time maintain its essential character.

### THE SOUND OF MUSIC

As this column is being written Caversham is being invaded by/acting hosts to (delete according to taste) thousands of festival fans come here for their annual get-together beside the river. Their clothes and life style speak of a culture totally alien to that of the natives of the place, soberly going about their business in their boringly conventional clothes. The sound of their music, wafted over a wide area, causes hackles to rise, particularly amongst those who live close to it, but others of the

native population listen happily to the sound of tills receiving welcome cash from the visitors/invasers.

However, even their strongest opponents have to admit that they look pretty clean for people who have camped out in the rain of this wet late summer. Their worst crime seems to be being here at all, rather anything in particular they have done.

We are lucky to live in a pleasant place like Caversham. In common with other pleasant places it tends to attract an influx of people in the summer, though to a less extent than more famous spots. It is the price of living here, and most of us would prefer to pay it rather than live undisturbed next to a chemical plant or in a derelict industrial area. And it only happens once a year.

## Abbeycrest

Nursing Home

A superb modern house superior rooms overlooking lovely parkland 24 hour nursing care

Please 'phone Matron  
READING 724414

Kennylands Road  
Sonning Common  
near READING

## MILWARDS SHOES

...caring for comfort since 1857

All our footwear is specially selected from leading brands for Quality, Comfort and Fit.

Our staff are trained to be expert shoe fitters and offer a personal service for the whole family.

at Broad Street, Reading & Church Street, Caversham and branches throughout the Thames Valley

## PICTURES

ART GALLERY  
& FRAME MAKERS

14 MILESTONE WAY PRECINCT, EMMER GREEN,  
CAVERSHAM RG4 8XW.  
TELEPHONE: 0734 461336.

## TOOTSIES

FLORIST  
DELIVERY SERVICE  
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS  
ALL OCCASIONS

13 MILESTONE WAY PRECINCT, EMMER GREEN,  
CAVERSHAM RG4 8XW.  
TELEPHONE: 0734 461070. FAX: 0734 461070

## J. P. MOTORS

- ★ MoT while you wait (by appointment)
- ★ Servicing by top mechanics
- ★ Bodywork, any job undertaken
- ★ New and used car sales
- ★ Collection and delivery service can be arranged.

Call us to day for first-class personal service

Tel: 477377 - 24-hour Ansafone

### J. P. MOTORS

TILBURY CLOSE, CHILTERN ROAD  
CAVERSHAM, READING, RG4 0JF

## PAT HOWARD ANTIQUES

35 Prospect Street  
Caversham, Reading  
Telephone: (0734) 483744



# KATY IN CAVERSHAM

I hear one or two people have been enquiring what has happened to Katy, or whether she has given up. This will obviously happen some time as I've said before, but actually for the last two months I've been busy organising other people's contributions. To be honest most of the time I actually enjoy writing for the 'Bridge'. This is largely because I like living in Caversham, I like that atmosphere of the place and friendliness and I even enjoy, most of the time, going shopping and meeting people.

Recently on an outing to the south coast we spent ages

on our way touring around the estates of south Reading which, on the whole, seem to consist of miles and miles of housing development with no focal point and the only shops seem to consist mainly of large out-of-town Shopping centre. I'd miss having local shops, being able to walk to them and meeting people, but I've said far too much in the past about our shops, which I think are just great.

### A new place to eat

I would have said that we already have almost too many 'eating places' so I

wasn't madly excited about the new Fondue and Coffee Shop which will have opened in Prospect Street by the time you read this. But I did call in to meet the new owner, Anne Row, whom many will remember as a health visitor with the Emmer Green Surgery. She and her husband were working hard to produce what promises to be a very pleasant place and I was very impressed by what was already there as regards decor.

### Traffic

Well that's another matter and one of the

few things that doesn't please me about Caversham. Motorists don't seem to be nearly so concerned as they once were about the needs of pedestrians. I think I'm right in saying that technically a motorist only has to signal to help other motorists, but try standing at the top of Westfield Road, for instance, waiting to cross. The lights change and it should be safe, but because a motorist at the head of the queue suddenly decides to turn sharp left into Westfield Road life becomes a bit of a gamble. And, of course, this applies very much at the bottom of Prospect Street.

each other on shopping expeditions and, of course, on the roads.

### Books

I see our local author, Leslie Wilson, has now produced another book, this time about witches of the past, I think. I've not got round to reading it but I have no doubt somebody will talk me into it. The bookshop, which is very well genned up on the books they sell, often tempts me into purchases I've no intention of making and I usually find it well worth while.

### Cats Protection League

### Back to Shopping

I'm glad somebody likes the new trolleys in Waitrose. I still don't, but perhaps that it is because we are all getting a bit careless about how we use them and it's not nice to find a trolley stuck in the middle of an aisle while the shopper in question decides to have a long conversation with her partner about what kind of pickles to buy. It would be nice if we could have a bit more thought for

There are a lot of cat owners in Caversham, many of whom never intended to have more than one cat, but cats make their own rules. Mostly they seem to be so independent that we sometimes forget how very dependent they really are and it's sad when cats are left to fend for themselves because owners have moved away or can no longer afford to keep them.

The CPL does a wonderful job, all

voluntarily and I make no apologies for mentioning the local branch leader living at 133 Mayfield Drive (482902). If you want help or can give it, please give her a ring. The organisation doesn't ask for large sums in subscriptions, but they are glad of spare cash, and if you haven't money to spare they are glad of books or bric-a-brac for any of their stalls. Most of all, if you can find a home for one of our feline friends, do get in touch.

### Funerals and Obituaries

Don't think I'm being morbid, but I'm getting a bit depressed about the number of people, many of whom have given excellent service to the community, who get hastily shunted off when the time comes with very little thought. It doesn't make any difference to the deceased, obviously, but these things can be a great help to those who are left. Two of my friends returned sadly recently from a funeral of somebody who has given so much to Caversham and the community; it seems that her name was scarcely mentioned and certainly nothing about her activities.

On the other hand, I recently heard of the funeral of a young man who had been very popular in his area. Not only did

a great number of people turn up but a certain priest who, so far as I know, only knew him as a neighbour, asked if he could be allowed to 'say a few words'. The family, and particularly the wife, still have a lot of grief to work through, but for a short while at least they were tremendously upheld by the support this gave them.

And don't be led astray by thinking that if it isn't meant to be a religious ceremony, it has to be dreary and soulless. Everyone has the right to be buried with dignity and it must be a personal occasion. And if anyone is really stuck as to what to do, somewhere I have a booklet published by the Humanist Society for the occasions when a religious ceremony is not wanted.

### More Photos please

I had a fascinating hour with an old BBC friend recently, trying to place some of the people in the photograph we published last month, so we're hoping other readers can help and we are looking forward to taking the 'Bridge' along when the Monitoring Service celebrates its 60th anniversary with a party in September. And if anyone has any photos of this sort we will do our best to publish them; they could prove very interesting.



5th Caversham (St Peter's) Brownies enjoying a day trip in the rain - part of this year's Pack Holiday at Jubilee House, Oxford.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COMPUTER ASSISTED VISION EXAMINATION</li> <li>• GLAUCOMA TESTING</li> <li>• CONTACT LENSES</li> <li>• QUALITY</li> <li>• SERVICE</li> <li>• FASHION</li> <li>• VARILUX CENTRE</li> <li>• DESIGNER FRAMES</li> <li>• COMPETITIVE PRICES</li> </ul>	<p><b>TOTALLY PROFESSIONAL</b></p> <p><i>Robin James</i> <b>EYECARE</b></p> <p><b>OPHTHALMIC OPTICIANS</b></p> <p>ROBIN JAMES &amp; PARTNERS 44, CHURCH STREET CAVERSHAM READING <b>TEL: (0734) 472099</b> OPPOSITE WAITROSE</p>
--	--

<p><b>HONEYWOOD HOUSE</b> Teas &amp; Suppers : General Store &amp; Post Office at Goring Heath</p> <p><b>Tel. Checkendon 680200</b></p>	<p><i>Enjoy a cup of freshly ground coffee while browsing through our unique range of hand-made gifts</i></p> <p><i>A warm and friendly atmosphere to cater for your every day needs and special treats</i></p> <p><i>We are now stocking Country Delights</i> An exclusive range of scrumptious preserves and pickles; also a wide range of speciality chocolates</p> <p><i>We have now extended our supper evenings to Friday and Saturday. We can offer either a candle and firelight intimate supper or a relaxed fun atmosphere for your private parties</i></p>
---	---

## CAVERSHAM CLERGY

**ANGLICAN**  
The Rev Richard Kingsbury, Caversham Rectory, Church Road. Tel: 479130.  
(Parish Office: Monday-Thursday 9.30-12.30 Tel: 471703)  
The Rev Bill Carpenter, St Andrews House, Harrogate Rd. Tel: 472788.  
The Rev Nigel Hardcastle, 20 St. Barnabas Road. Tel: 478239.  
The Rev Christine Allsopp, 25 Ilkley Road. Tel: 472070.  
St. John's interregnum - all enquiries for baptisms and weddings to Mr. Stephen Cousins (churchwarden) 481679 and funeral enquiries and other pastoral matters to the Rev. T. Lee 312512.

**CAVERSHAM PARK ECUMENICAL PROJECT**  
The Rev. Philip Abrey, 51 Galsworthy Drive, Caversham Park Village. Tel. 475152.

**BAPTIST**  
The Rev Dennis Weller, 80 Balmore Drive. Tel: 478668.

**METHODIST**  
The Rev David Moody, 72 Highmoor Road. Tel: 472223.  
The Rev John Boakes, 9 Woodlands Grove, Caversham. Tel: 482530.

**UNITED REFORMED**  
The Rev David Clark, 41 Highmoor Road. Tel: 471909.

**CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL**  
The Rev Chris Justice, 119 Peppard Road. Tel: 474529.

**CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
The Rev Michael Holmes, 13 Carlton Road. Tel: 474138.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**  
The Rev Thomas Meagher, The Presbytery, 2 South View Avenue. Tel: 471787.  
(For Caversham Park Village)  
The Rev J. Ellis, 18 Peppard Road, Sonning Common. Tel: 723418.

## ST LUKES RESIDENTIAL HOME

### EMMER GREEN, READING

This lovely, purpose built home is situated in a quiet area of Emmer Green. We offer a high standard of care in a warm and cosy atmosphere.

All bedrooms have en-suite facilities with an up to date Call Bell System.

If you would like to know more about us contact Doreen or Shelley our management team on:

**(0734) 461424**

# BIRDS

## BIRDS IN YOUR GARDEN

So many of those who ask me about birds seem to be orientated only to the species which enter their own backgardens. Perhaps outside of that boundary, like myself, they find life too distracting and confusing to spare more than a thought for our feathered friends, other than the swans and water-fowl in Caversham's immediate proximity.

However, an active 'O.A.P.' Canadian friend of mine and his English-born wife from Goring-on-Thames, living in Guelph, Ontario, told me in a recently received cassette-tape, that they daily remember in their prayers, the birds which suffer such hardship in their harsh climatic conditions.

It is not a remarkable fact that the most common birds are those which have adopted an affinity with man, such as the Robin, Blackbird, Sparrow, Starling, Chaffinch and Wren.

The Blue and Great Tits are added 'attractions' as they visit well-filled nut-feeders.

The Blue Tit is the small, 'perky' one with blue 'cap', wings and tail, and an unblemished, yellow breast.

The Great Tit is the 'Big' one, an inch longer, and wears a distinctive, black stripe down the centre of its yellow breast.

Occasionally, the small, less colourful, Coal

Tit with a spot on the BACK of its black head, may be attracted to bird-table or nut-feeder. Listen out for its distinctively clear song as it moves about in a nearby conifer.

The Long-tailed Tit, now very common in garden trees and parks, will seldom be seen taking food from artificial containers. They are most noticeable by their high-pitched, 'See, See, See.' call interspersed with an unmusical, 'Tsirrup' trill, as they actively play, 'Follow the leader' in 'Line-Astern' from tree to tree. They are small-bodied little creatures with disproportionately long tails.

The Marsh Tit, although very seldom a garden visitor, I was once privileged to record on my own bird-table. Alien to its name, it prefers thickets, woods and hedges.

The only other true tits of Britain are the Willow Tit of swampy thickets, and the Crested Tit, met with only in the Caledonian forests of Scotland.

I always feel that an average garden carries with it an air of artificiality, and whilst excellent views of more common birds may be regularly anticipated, I still prefer to encounter those species in more natural surroundings, where one has to do a little 'work' in order to see the birds.

"SCOPS OWL"



This year's A.G.M. was held on Sunday, 16th August in the Luxmore Room at Eton College, by kind permission of the College Authorities, and was well attended. In the course of the proceedings, Tim Heron, the Chairman, thanked all those (too many to be named personally) who devote their time to the rescue, care and feeding of the swans on the Thames and other waters in the region. During the year 382 swans were admitted for care and treatment, and 143 were treated on site. One, unfortunately, was killed when involved in an accident on Caversham Bridge. Again most of the injuries were caused by discarded fishing tackle, and also attacks by dogs (the latter mainly during the nesting season).

After the formal meeting, many of the people there went on to Cuckoo Weir Island, which has been leased to Swan Lifeline by Eton College Authorities for the establishment of a Care and Treatment Centre. It has not been an easy job to get planning permission, (for instance a local farmer has a right of way across the island) but at last building has commenced. One difficulty is that because of flooding, the buildings have to be raised above water level. Much has been achieved so far, but there is a lot more to be done and equipment to be obtained before the Centre is ready for use.

Again, many thanks to all those people who put their excess bread in the sack in the Church Porch. PLEASE go on with this good and helpful work — especially during the winter!

## WELL DONE CHLOE!



I have been raising money for Save the Children for about five years now. I got the idea to do a fast from the Oxfam sponsored Fast for a Fairer World and thought I would try one for Save The Children.

It wasn't difficult finding the sponsors and I decided the best way to do it was from lunch time to lunch time. When I went to bed the night I started, I thought it was going to be easy, but in the morning I really missed breakfast and by lunchtime I was ready to eat a horse!

My next target is a forty-eight hour fast as the first one was only twenty-four hours.

This year I raised exactly £33.00 for the fast and next time I hope to raise more for Save The Children.

Chloe Lambert (age 12)

## NEW PRIEST FOR ST. JOHN'S

News has just come in that a new priest has been appointed to St. John's Church.

He is the Rev. Stephen Rowe, at present team Vicar in Aylesbury, and he will be joining the Caversham Group Ministry in January 1993.

He and his wife Christine (who is an ordained deacon) have two young children.

There will be more news in a later edition.

## YOUTH LOCK-IN: SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR HALLOWEEN

On October 31st 1992, something very special will be happening up and down the country in over two hundred different locations; not the many Halloween parties that will no doubt be taking place nationwide, but a twelve-hour 'fun-raiser' run by the Shaftesbury Society. The event is called 'It's life Jim, but not as we know it!', and this phrase does not relate to a certain starship's intrepid voyages currently enjoying a re-run on our TV screens, but to the lives of the many disabled, homeless and disadvantaged people the Shaftesbury Society works with. The Society was started, of course, by Lord Shaftesbury, and began life in the mid 19th Century as the Ragged School Union. Today, the Shaftesbury Society has fifty care, educational and training facilities in Britain to further that work. Churches throughout the country have been encouraged to take part in the 'It's life Jim...' project by staging alternative parties or lock-ins on October 31st, and there will be one held in this area at Caversham Baptist Free Church. Starting at 8pm and ending at 8am the following morning, the lock-in will feature music, video, competitions and the sponsored 'Bop-till-you-drop' in aid of the Shaftesbury Society's work with disabled young people. The evening will kick off with a live concert from local band 'Light Inc', who played at the very successful JAM '92, Reading's biggest Christian music festival, staged at Rivermead in July of this year. Those without the will power to stay up all night are still welcome to come to the concert. Tickets are £1.50 and can be purchased either in advance or on the door. For further information please contact:

Martyn Strong,  
Light Incorporated  
62 Gosbrook Road  
Caversham  
(0734) 479673

Richard Ousley,  
226 Kidmore Road,  
Caversham  
(0734) 477123

## ST. JOHN'S BROWNIES' VISIT TO DISNEYLAND

If you had visited Barkham Village Hall at the end of July you would have been greeted by a colourful poster on the door — Welcome to Disneyland. Inside were many more posters and pictures.

On our first day we had two Guider visitors who scrutinised every corner thoroughly and then accepted our invitation to stay to lunch, the one day when we had just one piece of chicken per person — and Mickey Mouse forgot to make the gravy.

The weather got steadily warmer as the week progressed. On the day of the outing to Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm it was really hot. But soon after our return the local Shopkeeper drove up bringing six bottles of fridge-cold fizzy drinks as he was sure we would be hot and thirsty. A supertime on our last evening also he brought enough ice cream for everyone.

During the week Pooh Bear led us on explorations of the local fields and woods and we discovered the Coombs. Unfortunately we had no go-cart like the local children and the Brownies could only run up and down the slopes. One ended up in a fox hole.

One day during rest-hour the Brownies were reading, writing or chatting and one decided her air bed needed extra pumping. Suddenly there was a deafening bang, a deathly hush, a cloud of white powder and a sobbing Brownie. Her air bed had decided enough was enough and exploded. Luckily we had a spare bed.

Everyone had a happy week but they were also happy to get home.

## The Entertaining Cooks

UP-MARKET CATERING  
FOR THAT SPECIAL OCCASION  
Wedgewood China & Silverplate Available

Ring Marjorie McCombe or Christine Harvey  
on Reading 477430 or 478597 for a price guide

## CAVERSHAM CARAVANETTES

Where Campers Come Cheaper



We Buy & Sell Campers

34 Ardler Road (off Gosbrook Road), Lower Caversham, Reading  
Tel: (0734) 461834; evenings 473560

**ARE you concerned about the ethics of the investment funds when commencing a pension, starting a mortgage or simply investing for any other purpose.**

• We are INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISORS who amongst our services offer SPECIALIST ADVICE in ETHICAL/ECOLOGICALLY Friendly Investment Funds.

• Also Impartial and Ethical Advice on all Current Lending Schemes.

**Richard Stainthorp**

23 Oakley Road, Caversham RG4 7RL  
Tel: 0734-461656



An Appointed Representative of  
**DBS**  
Financial Management



Not all the products/services advertised here are regulated by the Financial Services Act 1986 and the rules made for the protection of investors by that Act will not apply to them.

Your home is at risk if you do not keep up repayment on a mortgage or other loan secured on it.

## Gail Spence Antiques

Friendly service from a reputable local dealer

I have bought and sold in Caversham for 17 years, and my business is built on personal recommendation.

I buy all types of antiques and collectors items, especially furniture, silver and porcelain.

Deceased estates purchased and houses cleared.

For expert advice call me on 473011  
There is no charge, and no obligation



## NETLEY LANDSCAPES



Garden design and construction  
Hugh Netley, NDLC

PATIOS, FENCING, NATURAL STONEMWORK,  
WALLING, PLANTING, SHRUB AND TREE  
CLEARANCE, WATER FEATURES, ETC, ETC.

FREE ESTIMATES

Phone Daytime 477466  
Evenings 461701



**MIKE  
THOMAS**

OND Forestry  
Tree Surgery  
& Landscaping

8 Randolph Road, Reading, Berks  
Telephone: 0734 574896

## HELP! NURSES

**Gardiner's**

hold the

to  
**NURSING CARE**

Throughout Berkshire and its borders

Whether you need or can offer help

Please phone us

New enquiries - cost free  
(0800) 220442

**Gardiner's**

10 Church St., Caversham,  
Reading (0734) 476666

Royal National

**Lifeboat**

Institution

**Lifeboat Bazaar**

at the Baptist Church Centre  
(Opposite entrance to Waitrose  
Car Park Caversham)

on Saturday October 17 1992

11am to 3pm

Entrance 25p

All proceeds to the R.N.L.I.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

## BOOK REVIEWS

### “AN OLD-FASHIONED SOCIALIST”

Len Quelch was born into poverty in rural West Berkshire in 1862, six years before the TUC was formed and five years before Marx published “Das Kapital”. He started work at the age of eight, eventually becoming a skilled iron foundry worker. He settled in Reading in 1892, remaining there until his death in 1937.

His autobiography, “An Old-Fashioned Socialist” tells something of the history of Reading as seen by a Socialist and trade union activist - a rare and fascinating perspective.

He describes work for the unemployed in Reading; he tells of public meetings every Sunday afternoon, and public meetings over Huntley and Palmers' sacking of his comrades for out-of-hours activities.

“Later we took the unemployed of Reading to the Board of Guardians and the Town Council. We got nothing from the Reading Board of Guardians and, after two interviews with the Mayor of Reading, all we got for the men was some stone-breaking in the highways yards, piece work. Whilst some men of the navy type were able to earn three shillings a day, others were only able to earn one and sixpence and some only nine pence for a day's work. These latter were a pitiable sight, their hands and hammer handles covered in blood through broken blisters.”

“The hall was packed. As a result of the debate, all three were ‘had in the office’ in turn, the result of the interview being that Baker, in polite terms, was told to mind his own business, the Radical Preacher was told to publish an apology in the press, and Wilson was asked to resign his job.”

As a socialist Quelch toured West Berks in 1893 in a horsedrawn van organising agricultural labourers, he toured England and Scotland speaking on Socialism, and he negotiated industrial peace between the Gibraltar coalheavers and the firms that “coaled” passing steamships.

“The wages of the agricultural workers at this time were from nine shillings to ten shillings per week with no specified hours per day. After considerable effort, the Union succeeded in getting two shillings and, in less frequent cases, three shillings increase of wages, the hours remaining as they were.”

“These rules not only secured order instead of the chaos existing in the past on the working of the ships, but secured much better conditions for the men which was the main purpose of my draft rules.”

He reports the 1898 Reading Parliamentary bye-election - when his brother stood as Socialist against G.W. Palmer, Liberal. Twenty years later, he himself stood as Socialist candidate at the 1918 Election. He reports the founding of Reading Labour Party.

He became the first Socialist elected to Reading Town Council eventually becoming an Alderman.

In 1934 he was persuaded to write down some of his adventures, with a view to publication. The manuscript then vanished until the late 1970's, to eventually passing to the Lorenzo Quelch Memorial Group in 1991 - during Reading Trades Union Council's One Hundredth anniversary year.

“An Old-Fashioned Socialist” by Lorenzo Quelch. Price £3.50, 128 pages, paperback. Available from 9th September 1992 at Caversham Bookshop and other local outlets. Published by the Lorenzo Quelch Memorial Group, 27 Carlton Road, Caversham, Reading RG4 7NT, with the help of a modest Community Grant from Reading Borough Council.

### “THE NAKED PLANT”

The editors have been sent a copy of “The Naked Plant”, a novel set just after the first world war. It deals with the straightened life of a new widow with four children and concentrates on the youngest boy after his mother's death.

The author H.L. Wickens was born in Reading and educated at the Reading Blue Coat School and went on to qualify as a Chartered Surveyor in Valuations. During the Second World War he saw service in India, the Middle East and Burma. He has three married children, is now retired, and lives with his wife in mid-Wales.

The novel is set in Caversham, and though fictionalised, the area is clearly identifiable. (Paperback £5.95, available from Caversham Bookshop)

## NICHOLAS

CHARTERED SURVEYORS



Est. 1882

for

ALL ASPECTS OF PROFESSIONAL  
WORK  
including

VALUATIONS, STRUCTURAL  
SURVEYS AND TOWN PLANNING,  
etc

and for

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL  
PROPERTIES, RENT REVIEWS

24 Friar Street, Reading RG1 1DP  
Tel. (0734) 591231

## Bryan Lansdell

GENERAL BUILDER

Extensions · Repairs · Alterations  
Patis · Pools · Ponds · Plastering · Roofing  
Plumbing · Carpentry · Brickwork

Free Estimates

25 Gosbrook Road,  
Caversham,  
Reading

Telephone  
Reading (0734) 478306

## TAX RETURNS

BASIC RATE PAYERS ..... £58  
HUSBAND & WIFE ..... £79  
FOR EACH RETURN £5 IS SENT TO CHRISTIAN AID OR CAFOD

Write for details to:

W. GROVE A.C.I.B., 18 ROSEHILL PARK  
CAVERSHAM, RG4 8XE

17 YEARS EXPERIENCE. I DO NOT SELL  
INVESTMENTS, INSURANCE, OR ACT AS AN AGENT

# OUR MAN IN SCANDINAVIA

Rev Richard Kingsbury reports...

"So what do you do on these Nordic jaunts?" people (mostly my wife) ask as I board the Rail-Air bus clutching winter thermals.

I am Chairman of the Anglo-Scandinavian Pastoral Conferences, sponsored by General Synod. ASPC brings together pastors and theologians for a week's conference every year or two from the Church of England and the Lutheran Churches of Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Latvia and Estonia. The aim is to explore the pastoral implications of serving in an increasingly secularised society.

It started in Uppsala 1978. I was lucky to be there. Since then all the Nordic countries have joined in and hosted conferences. As a founder member I've valued sharing insights with Lutheran colleagues and realising the strengths and weaknesses of my own national church through the eyes of others.



"OurMan"; Jesus in mosaic on the east wall of Iceland's Skalholt Cathedral

## BATH LODGE REGISTERED REST HOME

Long and short term stay  
Full 24-hour care  
A lovely house in beautiful  
grounds with a very homely  
atmosphere

For further information ring  
Mrs M. Cousins (Proprietor)  
Reading 589726  
8 BATH ROAD, READING  
BERKS,  
RG1 6ND

Eight Anglican delegates and three from each Nordic country spend a week in the host country with seminars, visits and discussions (usually deep into the midnight sun). I think I've met more Lutheran than Anglican bishops in the last fourteen years! The latest Conference was in Iceland this year. The next will be in Reading, 1994! With no assured income, I have to find about £4,000 to host this. Sponsorship enquiries will be warmly welcome.

We stay in pastors' and peoples' homes. I've made many friends this way. I marvel at the wealth of Lutheran state-funded churches, whose ministers have well maintained church buildings, plush offices, salaried staffs and no worry about finance. The Church of England relies on voluntary helpers and mainly clergy homes to 'do the pastoral business'. What we lose on efficiency, I reckon we gain on 'availability'.

Church-State relations always features high on our agenda. Nordic Lutherans generally rely on government departments and spend hours agonising through their trade union over 'conditions of service'. Anglican colleagues raise eyes heavenwards at this, our understanding of ordained ministry being different, but we try to learn from our Lutheran friends how better to organise our own chaos.

Lutherans ask 'Where is your official manual of Anglican doctrine and practice?' and I reply 'See it in our liturgy and established in our Canon Law.' I guess many Nordic friends have bemusedly thumbed through the Book of Common Prayer on long winter evenings as a result!

The point of all this? Soon there will be a move from inter-communion to closer links between Lutheranism and Anglicanism. We have still much to learn from each other and I'm pleased to be part of this process.

From Finnish saunas, Swedish snowdrifts, Danish permissiveness, Norwegian mountains and frugality, Icelandic geysirs and sagas, Latvian-Estonian witness under decades of hostility, and from seeing anew my own dear Church of England, I thank God for these ongoing contacts - of which Reading 1994 will be the next step.

RJK



Skalholt Cathedral, in the heart of Iceland, where Anglicans and Lutherans met in 1992. The volcano, Mt. Helka, in background.

## WHITINGS BUTCHERS

20 Coldicutt Street, Caversham, RG4 8DU  
Tel: Reading (0734) 472048

SUPPLIERS OF SCOTCH BEEF  
SUPPLIERS TO CATERING TRADE

DEEP FREEZE ORDERS AND  
BARBECUE ORDERS TAKEN

HOME-MADE SAUSAGES  
& BEEFBURGERS  
HOME COOKED HAM

Mon & Wednesday 8am-1pm  
Tues, Thurs & Friday 8am-5pm  
Saturday 8am-4pm

FULL DELIVERY SERVICE  
INCLUDING EVENINGS

## CLAY TIME

Hobby Ceramic Centre  
27 Farnham Drive  
(Shopping Centre)  
Caversham Park Village  
Reading (0734) 462212

Try a creative new hobby, relax and  
forget your worries.

Call in for a chat and see what you  
can do.

NO SPECIAL SKILLS NEEDED  
FREE TUITION GIVEN

100s of items to choose from.

COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF  
ACCESSORIES.

Also open Monday & Wednesday evening

## E. B. JOINERY

WOODEN WINDOWS  
ALL TYPES MADE TO MEASURE

- \* SOFTWOOD \* SLIDING SASH
- \* HARDWOOD \* TRADITIONAL
- \* SINGLE OR DOUBLE GLAZED
- \* CONSERVATORIES



FULL MEASURING & FITTING SERVICE FROM  
YOUR LOCAL SPECIALISTS SINCE 1969

TEL: (0734) 479727

REPLACEMENT  
WINDOWS

Gerard F Shields  
Retail Greengrocer  
and supplier of Health Foods

## The Salad Bowl

7 Milestone Way  
Emmer Green  
Reading RG4 8XM  
Tel: (0734) 473770

I. D. Collinson C.M.B.I.L.

## CLOCKMAKER

78 WOODCOTE ROAD,  
CAVERSHAM

Specialist in French and  
Grandfather clock repairs.

OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE

Tel. (0734) 473548



## Holloway's

AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS  
12 HIGH STREET, STREATLEY,  
BERKSHIRE, RG8 9HY  
Tel: Goring-on-Thames (0491) 872318  
and at 49 Parsons Street, Banbury, Oxfordshire



A professional service from complete contents to a single item.  
Transport and storage facilities. Free pre-sale inspection and advice.  
Entries for future sales invited.  
Valuations for probate, CTT and insurance purposes.  
*The professional alternative to London*

### Commercial Property Agents Surveyors and Valuers

*Sales and Lettings of Offices  
Shops and Industrial Property*  
Investment and Development  
advice

*Surveys and valuations for all  
types of commercial premises*  
Rent Reviews and Lease  
Renewals

## Chilvers Parker

24 Cross Street, Reading RG1 1SN  
**0734-580656**

### Carpenter & Joiner PETER MAY

Phone Reading 478175

### STATE REGISTERED CHIROPODIST

Mrs L. McDowell B.Sc., M.Ch.S.  
announces her practice at  
23 Conisboro Avenue,  
Caversham Heights  
Ring 471800  
for an appointment or home visit

### S. P. SADLER CANADIAN CANOEING

Individual and small group instruction  
RIVER EXPEDITIONS  
EQUIPMENT HIRE  
READING 482669

Fresh from our own orchards

Tel Reading 723167

OPEN WED TO SUN 10am-6pm

**CROSS LANE'S FARM SHOP**

Goring Heath Road, Mapledurham  
**COX, RUSSET & MANY OTHER APPLES**  
Pears, Fruit Juices, Honey etc.

## OBITUARIES

### EDNA MARJORIE FITZUESTACE

Edna Marjorie Fitzuestace, who died on August 8th, was born and brought up in Bourneville until she left school. Then she started in journalism in Leamington Spa, where she married and had a son and a daughter. The marriage was not a success and in 1965 she came to Caversham and married Tony Fitzuestace. They lived in Berrylands Road until she died in the Sue Ryder Home.

Edna was a woman of many skills; she was a member of the Reading Guild of Artists, and painted many pictures of the Reading area. She designed the Caversham Tea towel and was a successful flower arranger. Many a wedding at St Peter's Church was beautified by her arrangements and she won many cups from the Caversham Horticultural Society. In 1982, at the age of seventy-one, Edna ventured on the long flight alone to New Zealand to see her son. She enjoyed a weekly class on Imaginative Writing where the group was set all kinds of subjects to write on. She was an occasional guide round Mapledurham House and was most interested in the history of the place. Her daughter's four children often came to stay, and she gave them stimulating visits which they will long remember.

Edna was a faithful and regular deliverer of this newspaper for very many years and her regular customers will miss her cheerful visits. She was always willing to cover the local theatre in Caversham and her reviews were always very welcome.

Edna loved people, and visited many who were ill. She was always welcome because she knew when to chat and when to keep quiet company, and when she was ill herself in the last months her visitors were legion. She will be greatly missed by many friends.

We extend to her husband Tony and her son and daughter our deep sympathy in their loss.

B.S.

### CAROLLE ROSALIND BAXTER nee MUMME 11th December 1958 — 6th August 1992

It is with great sorrow I have to announce the death of such a dear friend to many in the Reading and Newbury area.

Carolle was born in Liverpool on 11th December 1958 and came to Caversham with her family, brother Iain and sister Heather to start at Caversham Primary School and then on to Westwood Secondary School. She was confirmed whilst attending St Andrew's Church.

The family moved to Scotland in September 1973 where Carolle studied at Uddingston Grammar School and on to further education at Hamilton Teacher Training College for four years.

Returning to this area, Carolle taught at Henley Park Place residential school and on to Burghclere Grange residential School. Many scholars benefitted from her care and patience.

Carolle married Graham Baxter at Chieveley Parish Church on April 11th 1987 and they lived in Newton Road Newbury. Callum was born 1st February 1989 and he has brought great joy to them.

Just over two years ago it was discovered that Carolle had cancer and she accepted the treatment with great bravery, never complaining and always thinking of others. She was a constant inspiration to all who knew her and we will always remember her bright sparkling eyes, and lovely character.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Hamish and Betty Mumme and her husband Graham and little son Callum.

Alison Parmenter

### AN APPRECIATION OF MARGOT TATE, WHO DIED ON 14th APRIL 1992

Mrs Audrey Denning, 3 Lymington Gate, Caversham, who knew her well, sends us this obituary of Margot Tate, who was

known throughout Caversham, and wrote a history of the village. She left the area twenty-five years ago, and the cutting comes from a local paper.

Margot came from Caversham with her husband Joe to run the Post Office. When he died, she became Post Mistress. She welcomed all with her friendly smile and active interest in us as individuals: always warm, patient and helpful; it was a pleasure to enter the shop.

Over twenty-five years here, she threw herself wholeheartedly into all aspects of village life, giving her time and expertise unstintingly wherever it was needed: W.I. where she started the Scrap Book; Bible Fellowship — a founder member; village history information; stall minder and provider for every appeal. Her home was venue for a French class and innumerable coffee mornings.

Margot's contribution extended to active membership of her church at Ippleden where stalls at Church Fairs displayed countless items of her handicrafts. She excelled at soft toys, engraved glass and paintings.

But more than all this, we shall remember her for her serene personality. She wore an aura of calm composure and total confidence in the true nature of life, which is extremely rare. I never heard her utter an unkind word about anyone. Her time and understanding were always cheerfully available to anyone in need of a helping hand or spiritual uplift. If we had to point to a supreme example of a Christian leading a truly Christian life, then I think we need look no further than to Margot Tate. We will treasure her memory always.

DJT

### MRS ANNE HILLIARD

The sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. Anne Hilliard, deputy Headmistress of Queen Anne's School, has arrived too late for a full appreciation. This will appear next month. The editors would like to send their condolences to the family.

### St Andrew's Fellowship

The weather, though fickle, behaved itself for the forty members and friends of St Andrew's Fellowship who visited Highclere Castle on August 12th. The imposing edifice is a comparatively modern extension to an old mansion which was completely encased by the new building. The Architect, Sir Charles Barry, was also the designer of the Houses of Parliament, and professed to prefer Highclere. The decor is extravagant in the extreme, but suits the magnificence of the rooms; the library is designed on the lines of the Reform Club.

Highclere's connection with the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun gives it added interest, and the exhibition of relics was so popular it has had to be moved to its own quarters in the basement. Lord Carnarvon employed Howard Carter in his excavations in Thebes when they discovered the tomb, though he lost his life through blood poisoning after a mosquito bite, and barely saw the treasures.

It was a lovely outing with beautiful grounds, a shop and a restaurant to add to the enjoyment!

# the CLUBS

## Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild

### HOLIDAY MONTH

At the August meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild in St Andrew's Hall some guild business was discussed. The chairman announced with sadness the death of Mrs Madge Norman, who for many years had been an enthusiastic and loyal member. It was decided that some money collected in her name at the guild would be given to the Arthur Clarke home, in which she had been interested.

The rest of the meeting was a light-hearted affair. Small tables with chairs had been set out and games ranging from quots to scrabble set out thereon. Members enjoyed themselves, and refreshments were served. If, once in a while, there was a group which played less and conferred and confabulated more, it was after all an oppor-

tunity to talk, which all too often is not available.

There was no meeting of social studies in August. A coffee evening at home of Muriel Holloway was to be held in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

### STAR

Reading Branch  
of the University  
of the Third Age

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES

There were somewhat fewer than usual as some groups closed down, but will resume in September.

The Books Group studied 'Wuthering Heights' and marvelled at the strong characters delineated by Emily Brontë. The Open Meeting had a delightful talk by Mary Crozier on 'Seashells of the World'. This

was a mixed bag of natural history, social history and a fund of anecdotes. There was also a display of seashells. The Group on Technology and Change concentrated on health and safety aspects at the end of the 19th Century. The Environmental Group considered water and the problems of the present drought. They thought long and hard on how each individual can save water.

The Travel Group had talks on 'The University of the Third Age in Italy', and 'Petra, the Rose Red City'. On August 19th there was a most successful canal outing. This was so attractive to members that the original booking had to be doubled. The quiet background of the horse-drawn barge provided the perfect opportunity for absorbing chat. The Debating Group changed its usual format to consider the implications of the new charge on rooms that begins next year. The general view was against a fee for each meeting, but for a few pounds' increase in the yearly subscription. The Writers Group had to begin a story with 'You must be joking'. This provided a varied set of stories. The walk this month was from Childe Beale to Pangbourne, including the grounds of Pangbourne College.

mittee. We are already grateful to them for running the monthly bingo sessions.

During the Spring and Summer, talks and slides on subjects as varied as The London River and Docklands Railway, French Artists, Cyprus, Bangkok and Singapore, and A Day at the Zoo, have both informed & cheered many a Wednesday afternoon. Equally the different groups of singers, sometimes coming a distance, have entertained and amused us with nostalgic songs and pithy poems about the past.

The weather was good for the seaside outing on July 15th when 48 members had a day in Worthing. It was particularly hot and sunny on May 20th for the Spring Outing to Stow-in-the-Wold, which included an excellent lunch at The Grapevine Hotel. We were also very fortunate to have a perfect Summer's day on July 29th when 53 members gathered at 34 Woodcote Rd., for the Annual Garden Party. It was a great tea party and Cake Auction, the proceeds of the latter and a collection were sent to the District Nurses Association in memory of Madge Norman.

The Autumn/Winter Session will include a Harvest Auction, talks on Canada, Pompeii and English Cathedrals etc, an October outing to Portsmouth and the Christmas Luncheon & party in December.

club's everwilling President — Ted Howard — collected the wrapped portions, ordered earlier, from a local fish and chip shop. The meal and the kind deed of Ted were both appreciated by the members.

The next meeting on the 10th August was for a social evening and was well attended.

Ann Haggerty welcomed to the club again the following week, this time to demonstrate how to make spice posies. Mrs. Haggerty soon persuaded some of the members to join with her in creating posies and buttonholes from aromatic spicy seeds, nutmegs, cloves etc. The members had been asked the previous week to bring such materials but sets were also available for purchase from Mrs. Haggerty. The results were very attractive and some of Mrs. Haggerty's expertly made, posies were for sale. The members enjoyed the demonstration, especially those who had participated in making their own creations.

Ron Geall and Jean visited the club on the 24th August to entertain the members. Ron brought his electronic keyboard and skilfully played a wide selection of music from oldtime favourites to popular melodies of today, including some composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. There was also the opportunity to join in with community singing and various dances. Any donations received by these entertainers is given to St. Helen's Hospice. The evening was a happy occasion and rounded off the month's programme. The members said farewell until after the Summer Bank Holiday.

## Caversham Darby & Joan Club

Club membership has continued to grow during 1992. Very sadly, however, we have lost three hard-working and long-standing committee members in the space of three months.

Miss Rene Reynolds died on May 20th, Mrs Ivy Ferris died on June 28th and Mrs Madge Norman died on July 26th — they will be greatly missed.

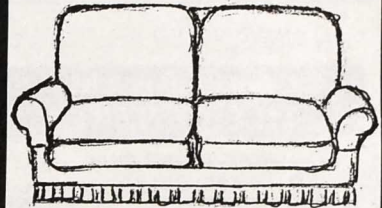
Mr & Mrs Ted Henwood have kindly agreed to join the much depeleted com-

## Caversham Community Association

The month's activities began on August 3rd with a Games evening at the clubroom when members joined together in friendly competition at games of Scrabble, shoveha'penny and various card games. A fish and chip supper was the highlight of the evening and the

**John Kitcher & Son**  
re-located to  
**SPRING FARM STABLES**  
**WALLINGFORD ROAD, GORING**  
Telephone (0491) 872103

Free Estimates in your own home  
CURTAINS/DRAPES/PELMETS  
CARPETS  
LOOSE COVERS:  
UPHOLSTERY



Large range of patterns to choose from

## J. D. SANSUM & SON



PLUMBING, HEATING, &  
GENERAL REPAIRS,  
KITCHEN & BATHROOM  
SPECIALIST

15 Blenheim Road,  
Caversham Heights,  
Reading RG4 7RT



Telephone  
**READING 473003**

FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

Mrs Sylvia Chumbley, MSSCh, MBChA  
**QUALIFIED**

## CHIROPODIST

for regular home visits at a moderate charge  
Phone **Reading 470762** - evenings

## HAND PAINTED CHINA By LINDA CLARKE

Christening & Wedding Plates  
Pet Portraits & Door Plaques

Tel: 481271 for details

Also CHINA PAINTING FOR FUN:-  
ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

PERSONAL ATTENTION FREE ESTIMATES

## YOUR LOCAL DECORATOR

M. LEWINGTON

Interior and Exterior decorating

148 Upper Woodcote Road  
Caversham  
Reading

Telephone  
Reading  
479642

## Summerfield REST HOME



This distinguished Victorian dwelling set in half an acre of beautiful gardens provides our residents with a dignified environment.

Please contact:

THE MATRON, MRS ANN HALL R.G.N.  
4 KIDMORE ROAD,  
CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS, READING  
Phone: Reading (0734) 472164  
Reading (0734) 472346

Registered with  
ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

**M. J. GODDARD**  
 Builder and Decorator  
 FREE ESTIMATES  
 18 GOSBROOK ROAD  
 CAVERSHAM  
 READING  
 BERKSHIRE Telephone 475582

Your  
**PET SHOP**  
 in  
 CAVERSHAM  
**Gee Gee Pets  
 and Aquaria**  
 29 PROSPECT STREET  
 Reading 472422  
 also at  
 READING MARKET  
 on Wednesday, Thursday,  
 Friday and Saturday  
 Local Delivery Service

**CRAWFORD  
 &  
 LEACH LTD.**  
**BUILDING CONTRACTORS**  
 • Extensions & Alterations •  
 • Refurbishments •  
 • Repairs & Renewals •  
 • Drawings & Planning Applications  
 Arranged •  
 For Personal Attention:  
 Telephone: 0734 475773

Clean your Carpets the Professional Way  
 and hire  
**ESCORT CARPET CLEANER**  
 from  
**Suprema**  
 DRY CLEANERS  
 32B CHURCH STREET, CAVERSHAM  
 Telephone 477113  
 Use it just like a vacuum cleaner and see the dirt  
 being removed

AN UNRIVALLED SELECTION  
**CAVERSHAM  
 TILE CENTRE**  
 FIXING BY OUR OWN  
 FIXING EXPERTS  
 55 Donkin Hill  
 Caversham  
 Reading RG4 0DG  
 0734 478853/479163  
 FREE ESTIMATES  
 AMPLE FREE  
 PARKING  
 Discount  
 Bargains  
 VISA

**A. & D. MORRIS  
 CARPET  
 FITTERS**  
 • 25 years experience  
 • Carpet repairs  
 • Re-adaptions  
 • Vinyls  
**READING  
 479280/  
 475066**

QUALIFIED  
**REFLEXOLOGIST**  
 Mark Chuter M.A.R.  
 FREE CONSULTATIONS 22 Field View  
 HOME VISITS Caversham  
 0734 477192 Reading  
 RG4 0HB

**M. B. HORMIGO**  
**ROOFING AND BUILDING  
 CONTRACTOR**  
 Specialising in Victorian houses and renovations,  
 drawing and planning applications can be arranged.  
 FOR FREE QUOTATION  
**Phone Reading (0734) 470971**

**H. F. GODFREY**  
 The Market Garden,  
 Goring Heath.  
 Not only  
**FRUIT & VEGETABLES**  
 but also a  
**WHOLE SOME LOT MORE**  
 Tuesday to Saturday 9-1, 2-5  
 Sunday 9.30-Noon  
 Tel: (0491) 681541

**PLUMBING AND  
 HEATING ENGINEER**  
**GEOFF KEEN**  
 63 Stuart Close,  
 Emmer Green,  
 Reading  
**Tel. 470471**  
 Free estimates given  
 No job too small

**CONISBORO CATERING**  
 ALL OCCASIONS CATERED FOR  
**Telephone  
 Reading 478175 and 415232**

**STITCHIN' TIME**  
 1 CHURCH ROAD  
 READING  
**Telephone 478106**  
 NEW AUTUMN/WINTER STOCK,  
 INCLUDING LIBERTY OF LONDON  
 PRINTS NOW IN STOCK.  
 ALSO EVENING AND BRIDAL FABRICS  
 HABERDASHERY,  
 BELT & BUTTON MAKING SERVICE  
 Expert advice always available  
 Open 9-5, Monday-Saturday

**GARDEN MACHINERY  
 SERVICES**  
 6 BANBURY GARDENS, CAVERSHAM  
 TEL: READING 473308  
 Sales and Services Always large stock  
 Agents for of  
 FLYMO NEW AND  
 MOUNTFIELD RECONDITIONED  
 HAYTER MACHINES  
 ATCO, etc Free estimates

**PLUMBING**  
 Central Heating  
 General Repairs  
**K. C. BARNES  
 & SON**  
 209 Kidmore Road  
 Caversham  
 Telephone:  
**481929**

**Cyril H. Lovegrove**  
 Your local Funeral Directors and  
 Monumental Masons  
 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham. Tel: 461393  
 Nominated by CHOSEN HERITAGE  
 24 Hour Service · Private Chapels of Rest  
 Limousine Hire  
 FUNERAL EXPENSE PLANS BY CHOSEN HERITAGE

**CAVERSHAM BOOKSHOP**  
 18 PROSPECT STREET  
 CAVERSHAM, READING  
**Telephone Reading 482800**  
 Wide range of all types of books,  
 globes and maps  
 Book tokens sold and exchanged  
 We are happy to order any book  
 not in stock

**DJ BUILDERS**  
 Houses - Extensions - Roofing -  
 Property Maintenance - Patios  
 Internal & External Decoration  
 167 Henley Road  
 Caversham  
 Reading RG4 0DN  
**DARREN SMITH**  
 Tel (0734) 475998  
 or 0860 863055

**GARDENING  
 SERVICE**  
 LAWS, HEDGING, FENCING,  
 PAVING, ROTAVATING,  
 GARDEN CLEARANCES ETC.  
 REGULAR & ONE OFF JOBS  
**STEVE CHUMBLEY**  
**Tel: 0734 475865**

**HAND CRAFTED  
 GREETINGS CARDS**  
 By Eunice Cooper  
 PERSONALISED DESIGNS  
 LOCAL VIEWS  
 BOOK A CARD EVENING  
 INCLUDING TALK  
 To order, book or view  
**Reading 478607**

**FABRI KATE**  
 is now in demand from  
 READING to SWINDON  
**BOOK NOW**  
 or she'll be too busy  
 DRESSMAKING  
 do call  
 0793 854120

**TOMALIN & SON**  
 (N.A.F.D.)  
**Funeral  
 Directors**  
 48 New Street  
 Henley-on-Thames  
**Telephone 3370**  
 DAY AND NIGHT

**J R. McCARDLE**  
**MASTER MASONS**  
 Fine Memorials in  
 Marble, Stone and  
 Granite  
 Restoration and all  
 other masonry  
 undertaken  
**READING 262362**

**CAVERSHAM  
 PHOTOCOPY SERVICE**  
**E. B. PICKERSGILL**  
 Copies while you wait 7p per copy.  
 Reduction on 50 or over.  
 Coloured paper available.  
 · Rubber stamps made to order ·  
 · 24 hour service ·  
**LARGE STOCKS OF STATIONERY**  
 14 Bridge Street, Caversham, Reading  
**Tel: (0734) 473077**

3rd Reading (St. Peters)  
 Scouts  
**Marquee  
 for hire**  
 30' x 16'  
 Very reasonable rates  
**Tel. 483391**

**A. B. WALKER  
 & SON LTD**  
**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**  
 Independent Family Business  
 serving Caversham since 1826  
 ELDON HOUSE, 36 ELDON ROAD,  
 READING  
 (Opposite Royal Berkshire Hospital)  
**Tel: Reading 573650**  
 Day and night service  
 Monumental Masons Private Chapels

**ARTHUR  
 BUTLER**  
 (Peppard)  
 N.A.F.D.  
**FUNERAL  
 DIRECTORS**  
 Telephone  
 (0491)  
**573370**

**A. F. JONES**  
**MASTER  
 MASONS**  
 Craftsmen in Stone  
**BEDFORD RD  
 READING**  
 Telephone  
**573537**

**REPAIRS TO  
 TVs, VIDEOS  
 and AUDIO**  
 Most makes - Prompt  
 attention - All work  
 guaranteed  
 Aerial installation undertaken  
**REASONABLE CHARGES**  
**READING 479276**  
**ANY TIME**